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Vienna, 8 June 2018

Annotated provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

The seventh open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption will be opened on Friday, 8 June 2018, at 10 a.m.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the meeting were prepared in accordance with Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption resolution 7/1, in line with the recommendations agreed on by the sixth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting (see CAC/COSP/EG.1/2017/3), and taking into account the multi-year workplan adopted by the Implementation Review Group (CAC/COSP/IRG/2017/CRP.2) and the schedule of meetings approved by the extended Bureau at its meeting on 27 August 2017.

In its resolution 7/1, the Conference invited the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to propose future agenda items. It also decided that the expert meeting should continue its work by exchanging information on common reasons for refusals and delays in mutual legal assistance requests related to corruption offences under the

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Convention and on international cooperation in civil and administrative proceedings related to cases of corruption and possible measures to protect the confidentiality of the information provided in the context of assistance in criminal, civil and administrative measures.

The resources available will permit the holding of two plenary meetings, on 8 June 2018, with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

3. Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: lessons learned, good practices and challenges

In its resolution 7/1, the Conference welcomed the recommendations of the sixth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention. In those conclusions and recommendations, the expert meeting, inter alia, had recommended that States parties should continue their efforts with regard to bridging the gap between different legal systems, particularly in the area of criminal procedure and evidence standards, by using the Convention as a legal basis, and by concluding detailed bilateral treaties and arrangements on mutual legal assistance.

In the same resolution, the Conference requested the Secretariat to continue, within existing resources, to collect statistics or other relevant information on the use of the Convention as a legal basis for mutual legal assistance and to make the information available to the Conference.

The sixth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held in Vienna on 6 and 7 November 2017, recommended that the Secretariat continue its work on the analysis of practical challenges arising in the work of central authorities responsible for requests under the United Nations Convention against Corruption with a view to strengthening their effectiveness and efficiency.

The sixth expert meeting also recommended that the Secretariat organize for the seventh expert meeting a thematic panel discussion dedicated to the problem of requesting mutual legal assistance from safe havens with regard to those who committed corruption offences under the Convention.

The Secretariat will update the seventh expert meeting on progress made in the implementation of the above-mentioned mandates.

The Secretariat will also provide a brief update on the findings of country reviews that pertain to the implementation of chapter IV of the Convention.

Additionally, a panel discussion will be organized on common challenges faced by countries when requesting and responding to requests for mutual legal assistance, as well as existing good practices in that area.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on progress in implementing the mandates of the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2018/2)

Statistical information on the use of the United Nations Convention against Corruption as a legal basis for mutual legal assistance and in relation to civil and administrative proceedings and asset recovery (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2018/3)

4. Civil and administrative proceedings relating to corruption

In its resolution 7/1, the Conference, inter alia, decided that the expert meeting should continue its work by exchanging information on best practices and challenges on international cooperation in civil and administrative proceedings related to cases of corruption and possible measures to protect the confidentiality of the information provided in the context of assistance in criminal, civil and administrative measures.

In the same resolution, the Conference, inter alia, requested the Secretariat to continue, within existing resources, to collect statistics or other relevant information on the use of the Convention as a legal basis for mutual legal assistance, where appropriate and consistent with domestic legal systems, in relation to civil and administrative proceedings, and to make the information available to the Conference.

The Secretariat will inform the meeting of progress made in the implementation of the above-referenced mandates.

Participants may wish to exchange views on the practical issues relevant to international cooperation in civil and administrative matters, including experiences, challenges and good practices.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on progress in implementing the mandates of the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2018/2)

5. Tools and services of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote international cooperation

The sixth expert meeting recommended that the Secretariat should continue its work on the provision of technical assistance in the area of international cooperation, focusing on capacity-building and closing gaps in the domestic legislation of developing countries.

The sixth expert meeting also recommended that the Secretariat should continue its work on maintaining the online directory of competent national authorities.

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide information on tools and services to promote international cooperation, including progress made in its work on the development of the online directory of central authorities, in line with the above-mentioned mandates.

Participants may wish to exchange views and experiences on capacity-building priorities to address challenges encountered in the area of international cooperation to combat corruption.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on progress in implementing the mandates of the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2018/2)

6. Adoption of the report, including conclusions and recommendations

The seventh expert meeting is to adopt a report, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat, that will include its conclusions and recommendations.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date and time	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
Friday, 8 June 2018		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1	Opening of the meeting
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption
3–6 p.m.	4	Civil and administrative proceedings relating to corruption
	5	Tools and services of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote international cooperation
	6	Adoption of the report, including conclusions and recommendations